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RE: Application Number: 10/528,513
Attorney Docket Number: SNDN.P-002-USNP

Dear Mr. Doll:

We need your help in getting Application 10/528,513 taken "out of order" for examination.

This application is a 371 of PCT/US04/01553 filed on 01/15/2004. We received a favorable International Search Report for the PCT application for all 15 claims.

Under 37 CFR § 496 (b):

National stage applications having paid the search fee as set forth in 1.492(b)(1) and the examination fee as set forth in 1.492 (c)(1) may be amended subsequent to the date of entry into the national stage only to the extent necessary to eliminate objections as to form or to cancel rejected claims. Such national stage applications will be advanced out of turn for examination.

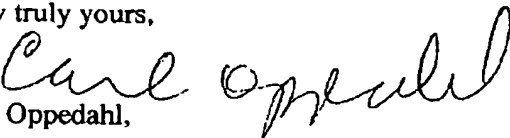
Pursuant to the last sentence of the section 496(b) it is required that the above-referenced application be advanced out of turn for examination. The application has been assigned to the Art Unit 1745. Angela Martin (571) 272-1288 listed as an Examiner on this case. Patrick Ryan (571) 272-1292 is a Supervisor for this unit. The preliminary report in PAIR states that the first Office Action in this case will be sent no earlier than May 23, 2008.

On October 3, 2006 we have left messages for both Ms. Martin and Mr. Ryan regarding the above-referenced application asking that the application be taken out of order. They never called us back.

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We would be most grateful for your help in getting the above-mentioned application taken out of order.

Very truly yours,


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